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Thank you for your voice mail earlier today. I attach the following documents:

1. An amendment that I faxed to the USPTO on 9/17/04;
2. The FAX coversheet; and
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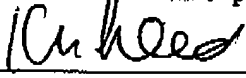
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2004, please amend the claims as set forth in the attachment hereto.

REMARKS AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY

The Office Action rejects claims 1-8 and 14-16 "as being indefinite.... Claim 1, it is unclear what 'having a discontinuity therein' means...." Office Action, page 2. On September 16, 2004, Applicants' Attorney had a telephone interview with the Examiner during which Applicants' Attorney pointed out that Application paragraph 21 explains the meaning of this term. Accordingly, this term is not indefinite. The Examiner concurred.

The Examiner also indicated that in light of this, claims 1-4 and 9-12 were patentable over the cited art. (These claims were the only claims that were rejected over prior art.)

The Office Action alleges that claims 6-8 and 14 were also indefinite. The attached amendment rectifies these problems.